

House Bill No. 132

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By Request of the Environmental Quality Council

A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act requiring the departments of environmental quality, agriculture, and natural resources and conservation to report specific compliance and enforcement information to the environmental quality council; and providing an effective date."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Reporting requirements. (1) The departments of environmental quality, agriculture, and natural resources and conservation shall biennially report to the council the following natural resource and environmental compliance and enforcement information:

(a) the activities and efforts taking place to promote compliance assistance and education;

(b) the size and description of the regulated community and the estimated proportion of that community that is in compliance;

(c) the number, description, method of discovery, and significance of noncompliances, including those noncompliances that are pending; and

(d) a description of how the department has addressed the noncompliances identified in subsection (1)(c) and a list of the noncompliances left unresolved.

(2) When practical, reporting required in subsection (1) should include quantitative trend information.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 75, chapter 1, part 3, and the provisions of Title 75, chapter 1, part 3, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 1997.

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